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SUBJECT: UZBEKISTAN STAYING CLEAR OF ABKHAZIA/SOUTH OSSETIA  
DISPUTE

REF: STATE 40673

Classified By: P/E Chief Ted Burkhalter; reasons 1.4 (b, d).

(C) P/E Chief delivered reftel demarche April 23 to Ismat Faizullaev, head of the MFA's U.S. Affairs Section. Faizullaev said that Uzbekistan preferred not to be caught between the U.S. and Russia on this issue. He said that this was related to the Kosovo dispute and that "Uzbekistan is only a small country." P/E Chief pressed, asking whether sitting idly might not encourage similar Russian behavior in future crises in the former Soviet Union. Faizullaev had no further substantive comment but promised to pass the request to more senior MFA officials.

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